

## Services of Worship

### Sundays

- Spencer 9am
- Riplinger 11am

### Mondays

- Spencer 6:30pm  
(begins on September 22)

## Spencer Congregation:

### Parish Office

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Spencer, WI 54479

## Website

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## Facebook

[www.facebook.com/sjlCSpencer](https://www.facebook.com/sjlCSpencer)

## Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/spencerst.johns/>

## YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@StJohnsSpencer>

## Minister of Faith Formation

Jenny Nieman

Email: [jennyfaith659@gmail.com](mailto:jennyfaith659@gmail.com)

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Pam Hardrath

Wednesday 5:30 to 9 pm

[sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com)

For immediate assistance, call or text

715-507-0549

## Deadlines

- Weekly email: Tuesdays 9am
- Sunday announcements:  
Wednesday 5pm



# Connect SEPTEMBER 2025



## COME Meal, September 23, 5 to 6pm

Invite everyone you know to our FREE Community Outreach Meal for Everyone. We will be serving baked ziti, dinner rolls, corn, fruit salad, and assorted bars. Sign up [online](#) or on the bulletin board if you are interested in donating food or volunteering to serve. Contact person: Mary Seefeld: 715-613-4613

## Call Committee

### Update

The Call Committee has met several times and will begin Zoom meetings with three candidates. Each of the 3 candidates has previous experience, which is a plus for us. There are also candidates looking for their first call and ordination who may be an option for us as well. Each of us on the committee want to find the best fit for us and we ask for your prayers as we work through this process. Pray for each other. Pray for our Church, and Pray that God will unite us so that our main focus is to honor and serve Him. Please contact a member of the call committee with your questions during this process. Committee Members are: Brenda Newman, Shaon Hamus, Trish Porter (Riplinger), and Penni Coud, Glenda Fellenz, Charla Hagen, Kyler Hardrath, Peggy Labrenz and Kris Ovans (Spencer).



## Council Restructure Task Force Update

The Task Force has completed their proposal and presented it to the council for review. A heartfelt thank you to Petie & Jerry Marten, Rhonda & Joe Weix, Harry Vogel, Penni Cloud, Nick Tomczik, Todd Brinkman, Peggy Labrenz, Danielle Schmidt, and Teri Schorer for your dedication and commitment throughout this process. Your time, energy, and thoughtful contributions are deeply appreciated. Thank you! St. John's Church.



## Building Projects are Complete!

Thank you Travis Hardrath for all of your hard work in making these projects a reality. Thank you Bruce Luepke for being available when Kulps and Graphic House needed something. Thank you Bryan Kilty for providing the building cross electrical work. We are also deeply grateful to everyone who contributed financially in any way—your generosity made this possible! The roof, building cross and road sign look great! Thank you!



## Readings

September 7

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-35

September 14

Blessings Sunday 9am

Ezekiel 34:11-24

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 21

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Luke 16:1-15

September 22

September 28

Amos 6:1-7

1 Timothy 3:1-13

Luke 16:19-31

September 29



## Weekly Email Link

If you do not currently receive our Wednesday weekly email, newsletter and other electronic communications and would like to, please use this [link](#) to sign up. If you need the link emailed to you, please let the office [sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com) know. Thank-you!!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING!

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7  
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## BLESSING of the BACKPACKS

### BLESSINGS SUNDAY, September 14 at 9am

We will celebrate the beginning of the school year for all students returning to classes by having a few special blessings- Blessing of the Backpacks and Fall Sports Blessing in worship. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks with them to worship and then come forward during worship for the blessing and a small gift to commemorate the occasion. The theme will be based on Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Those involved in Fall Sports are encouraged to wear their jersey/sport uniform to worship.



Monday Worship 6:30pm

## Let's Gather Together

Begins September 22

For where two or three are gathered  
together in my name, there am I in the  
midst of them.

MATTHEW 18:20, KJV



### Free Bibles Available!

Looking for a Bible? We have a variety to choose from on the table in the Narthex. Please feel free to find one that's right for you!.



Youth Faith Formation Contact  
Jenny Nieman  
715-613-3636  
jennyfaith659@gmail.com

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

"You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:31-32

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### September 2025

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Updates will be included in the Sunday announcements and Wednesday Email. Events are at Spencer unless otherwise specified.

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### Calendar of Events

September 8

Monday Night Study Begins

September 9  
Council Meeting

September 10  
Cross Training & LIVE Parent & Youth Meeting

September 14  
Blessings Sunday  
JAM Begins  
Mom's Connect Begins

September 15  
Call Committee Meeting

September 22  
Monday Night Worship Begins

September 23  
COME Meal

September 24  
Ezekiel Study Begins

September 30  
Prayer Study

October 1  
Mission Trip Meeting



### JAM Kicks Off, September 14

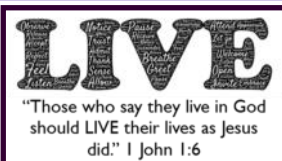
We'll begin in the worship space at 10:15am with a couple of songs and then get kids to their respective classrooms. Parents are more than welcome to be a part of both of those activities. Register online using this link: <https://forms.gle/hqHpXaV6idJp6Gi9> or paper copies are in the brochure rack outside of the office.



### Cross Training Parent & Youth Meeting

September 10 at 6:30pm

Cross Training is our Wednesday night Middle School time. During Cross Training, middle schoolers spend time digging deeper into faith topics, relating faith to their everyday life and forming relationships with a small group of peers and an adult. You can register your youth online using this link: <https://forms.gle/Tg4qf6PbkZF95Qb26> or paper copies are in the brochure rack outside of the office.



### LIVE Parent & Youth Meeting

September 10 at 6:30pm

LIVE is our Wednesday night youth time for High Schoolers to explore their faith deeper, ask questions, discover practical ways to live their faith 24/7 and form relationships with their peers and a few adults. You can register your youth online using this link: <https://forms.gle/Tg4qf6PbkZF95Qb26> or paper copies are in the brochure rack outside of the office.



### Stay Connected!!

We are all very busy and it is sometimes very hard to keep up with all the things that are important to us. We have a few ways to stay connected and up to date with JAM, Cross Training & LIVE events and announcements- we have separate private Facebook group pages for each. Cross Training & LIVE have the BAND app as well. You can also find info for each of these in the weekly email and on the church website.



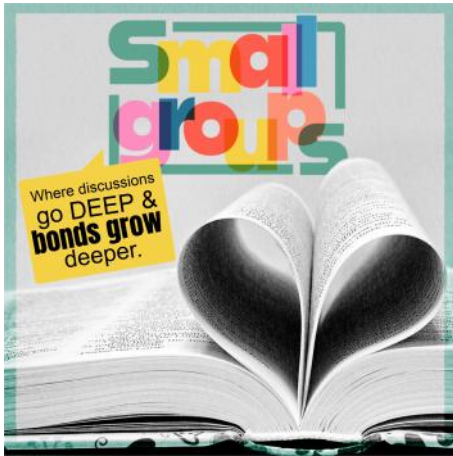
### Mission Trip Informational Meeting

October 1 at 8pm

There will be an informational meeting for middle and high schoolers, parents, and adults to ask questions about mission trips and gather details. This year, we have *two* mission trip options! Our traditional mission trip experience and a local mission trip in Wausau, offering flexibility for those who would like to participate closer to home, with the option to drive back and forth. If you are interested in either opportunity or would like to learn more, please join us for this meeting!

# UPCOMING SMALL GROUPS

I will meditate on your precept and regard your ways. Psalm 119:15 Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #SBL 1529 NIV®



**Sundays**

## Mom's Connect ADVENTURE

Parenting is an adventure! Full of wonderful and exciting moments but also full of uncertainty and risks. It's joyful, yet at times a fear-filled, journey.

**FEELING LOST?**

Find **direction** and **community** **with us.**



Connect with Heather Vogel to order a book  
715-207-1499

**Begins September 14 at 10:15am**



**Monday Bible Study 6:30 pm.**

September 8 to 29: Ephesians

October 6 to November 3: James

November 10 to May 18: Acts

Materials provided. Please bring your favorite Bible and be prepared to have fun learning about God's Word.

Reach out to Cindy Weiler at 715-252-3422 for any questions and to let her know you would like to join!

## Ezekiel Bible Study

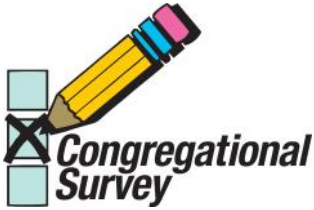
**September 24 to December 17**  
**Wednesday's, 9 - 11am**  
**Cost: \$5.**  
**Interested:**  
**Contact Gail Jicinsky.**  
**715-650-0720**

**I WILL** *seek the lost...*  
**I WILL** *strengthen the weak.*

EZEKIEL 34:16

# CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY SUMMARY

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" Psalm 133:1 Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress



Thank you to everyone who took time to complete a survey. The survey results have been summarized in our Congregational Profile. If you have any questions, please reach out to an Executive Member at Spencer: Rudy Nieman, Todd Brinkman, Penni Cloud or Teri Schorer, or Brenda Newman or Trish Newman at Riplinger. Thank you! These results include 50 responses from Spencer and 9 from Riplinger. Read the full Congregational Profile [here](#).

## **What is the desired age range for the pastor? Check one.**

51% no preference 18% 40 to 49  
18% 50 to 59 13% 30 to 39

## **What is the minimum acceptable educational level you expect the pastor to have attained? Check one.**

59% Attended seminary  
15% Some college or professional school  
13% Master's degree from seminary  
8% Formal education degree not important  
3% College degree  
2% High school graduate

## **What pastoral or professional ministry experience should be required? Check one**

33% 1 – 5 years of prior experience  
25% No prior experience  
20% 1–5 years of prior church-ministry experience (such as church staff)  
18% 6–10 years of prior experience as a pastor  
8% Formal education degree not important

## **Which two of the following do you consider the most important strengths needed by the incoming pastor? Check only two.**

82% Preaching 69% Leadership  
39% Relationships 8% Evangelism  
5% Missions 3% Administration

## **The following are activities to which a pastor may allocate time each week. Read all choices and check the three areas that should be the top time priorities of our new pastor. Check only three.**

74% Sermon prep  
64% Counseling individuals with personal and spiritual problems  
49% Visiting members in the hospital  
28% Attending social gatherings, special events (ministries, classes, church groups)  
28% Meeting with ministry leaders who plan and organize ministry activities  
18% Administration  
18% Correspondence with members by phone, email, electronically  
13% Planning and organizing ministry activities  
15% Prayer  
5% Visiting members or prospects at home or over a meal

## **Which of the following elements of preaching style effectively communicates God's Word to you? Check all that apply.**

82% Narrative (use of stories to illustrate points)  
80% Personal, relational, engaging  
36% Textual (the scripture text provides the meaning)  
36% Sermon Series (spending multiple weeks on a topic)  
33% Challenging, appealing for action or change  
23% Bible book (spending multiple weeks on a Bible book)



21% Logical, detailed, point by point

**Of the ministry priorities in our church, which three of the following does the incoming pastor need to emphasize most? Check only three.**

77% Leadership vision and compelling plan for the future of the church

64% Building relationships in which people are connected and care for one another

39% Discipleship and spiritual formation

26% Strengthening families

23% Evangelism and showing Jesus through word and action

15% Prayer

15% Organizing ministry and empowering leaders for ministry

15% Understanding the context of our local community and approaching it with ministry mentality

8% Developing small Bible study groups or classes

8% Missions involvement and giving

7% Corporate and personal worship

5% Denominational emphases, programs and giving

3% Care for the poor (social compassion)

**Compared to our church's current worship services, would you want the prospective pastor to lead in making any of the following changes? Check one.**

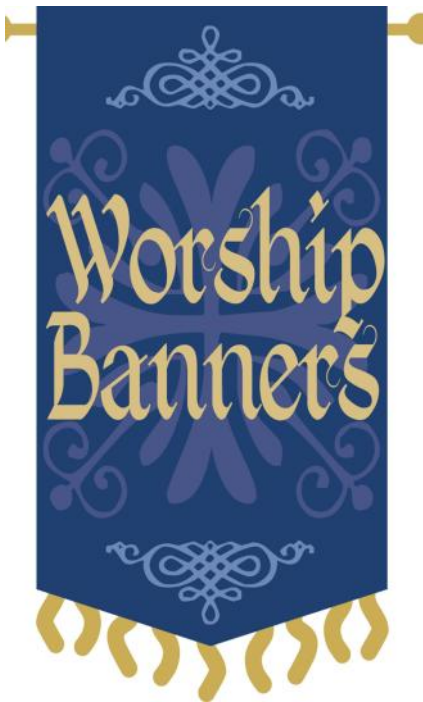
51.4% Include more contemporary musical elements (newer praise songs, upbeat arrangements, contemporary instruments).

35.1% Include more traditional musical elements (classical hymns, older praise songs, fewer instruments)

13.5% Use the same musical style as today

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace." 1 Peter 4:10 Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #SBL 1529 NIV®



### Simple Ways to Serve

Looking for a way to get involved that do not require a lot of time and happen behind the scenes? We're looking for someone to help change the banners in the sanctuary and/or update the church sign. These little acts of service take less than 30 minutes and usually only need to happen once a month—but they make a big difference for our whole church family. If this sounds like a way you'd like to serve, please reach out to Pam in the office at 715-507-0549; [sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com). Thank you!



### Worship Help Needed Sunday Mornings!

There are many simple but meaningful ways to serve on Sundays—reading the order of worship (sent to you ahead of time), ushering, helping with technology or sound, serving and/or providing hospitality (usually 3 dozen treats). Each role helps make worship welcoming and meaningful for everyone. If you'd like to serve in one of these ways, please contact Pam in the office, 715-507-0549; [sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com). Thank you!



2 Adryan Schmidt	20 Dawn Pagenkopf
Raelene Litzer	Alan Seefeld
Ashley Stroetz	21 Amanda Gronski
5 Aaliyah Bezenyei	Cora Weiler
Joan Miller	23 Carri Weiler
6 Ashlyn Hendrickson	Lori Helsten
Gracie Leezer	Charla Hagen
8 Zach Fleischman	24 Jenelle Ertl
10 Brooke Cloud	Audrey Helsten
Nolt Dommer	25 Muriel Oelrich
Aubree Fleischman	26 Elisha Blanchard
11 Braedyn Gessert	Travis Stroetz
13 Darin Thompson	27 Tony Bauer
14 Sadie Fleischman	28 Evan Blanchard
15 Aurora Heeg	Samantha Soback
Logan Reynolds	29 Erica Schober
Cashton Vogel	Brenda Newman
17 Leyla Manicke	Faye Lang
18 Jaxon Bruss	30 Nicole Otero
Tahneya Anderson	
Brad Helsten	
19 Reuben Hendrickson	
Janine Luepke	
Dianne Vaughn	

**May the love of Christ shine through your marriage!**

4 Dennis & Dawn Reckner	38
7 Josh & Karrie Kaiser	1
11 Troy & Luci Hardrath	21
13 Todd & Ellen Brinkman	40
14 Ryan & DeAnn Griepentrog	29
17 Joseph & Patty Matter	48
21 Jonathon & Lacey Berres	12
22 Keith & Lisa Kettleborough	35
25 David & Dawn Buse	43
David & Amanda Knecht	21
28 Keith & Danielle Schmidt	23
Mike & Jewel Schuette	34



**BE LOVING IN  
EVERYTHING  
YOU DO!**

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing or incorrect, please contact the office.*

# PRAYER list

**Those with short term health concerns:** Wayne Hempel, Susan Howe, Brett Kloth, Mia Maddox, Jim Miller, Darla Newman, Sharon Schiszik, Adryan Schmidt, Pat Viergutz.

**Those with long term health concerns:** Audrey Heldt, Elroy Heldt, Sandy Lemmens, Bill Martens, Dorene Newman, Tammi Schiferl, Darrell Schillinger.

**Those with cancer:** Judi Andrew, Candyce DeNoble, Nikki Duranceau, Ruth Fleischman, Brenda Gardner, Wayne Hendrickson, Sue Johnson, Kathy Peiper,

Penny Peiper, Michelle Oelke, Tom Steiner, Wayne Vaughn.

**Those who are homebound or in care facilities:** Lois Block, Audrey Helsten, Grace Maines, Pat Miller, Muriel Oelrich, Jim Schmutzler, Doris Seefeld.

**Prayers of Thanksgiving** - Leah Gardner and Colton Schillinger made it home safely.

**If you or a member of your family are hospitalized or have an emergent need, for any updates on these prayer requests or additional prayer concerns,** please get in touch with the office at [sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com) or text/call Pam at 715-507-0549

Please contact the office if you are available to serve in open spaces. Thank-you!  
[sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com)



Please contact the office if you can fill in any of the blanks! Thank you! [sjlcoffice13@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcoffice13@gmail.com)

Date	September 7	September 14	September 21	September 28	October 5
Message	Teri Schorer	Pastor Bill	Jenny Nieman	Pastor Pat	<b>NEED</b>
Assisting	Heather Vogel	Penni Cloud		Heather Vogel	Heather Vogel
Greeter	Teri Schorer	Inez & Susan	Bob Haas	Randi Thompson	Gwen Thomas
Usher	Jim Christopherson	Milt Viergutz	Brad Helsten	Travis Hardrath	Jim Christopherson
Usher	Alan Seefeld	Paul Leezer	Todd Brinkman	Wayne Hagen	Harry Vogel
Tech	Jenny Nieman	Teri Schorer	<b>NEED</b>	Kyler Hardrath	Tracey Ackman
Sound	Camdyn Vogel	Bruce Luepke	Janika Helsten	Ryan Hardrath	Camdyn Vogel
Reader	Jim Christopherson	Milt Viergutz	Hannah Rossow	Amanda Nieman	Gwen Thomas
Communion Assistant	Mary Seefeld	Janine Luepke	Lori Helsten	Teri Schorer	Jule Vogel
Basket Bearer	Cohley Vogel	Zoey Hardrath	<b>NEED</b>	Brooklyn Stroetz	Cohley Vogel
Hospitality	Teri Schorer	<b>NEED</b>	Bake Ellen Brinkman <b>Serve NEED</b>	Pam Hardrath	Gwen Thomas Bake Serve Penny Vinnedge
Riplinger Reader	Ertl Family	Dave Newman	Heidi McBride	Brenda Newman	Trish Porter



Attendance	Spencer	Riplinger
July 6	28	24
July 13	46	29
July 20	30	36
July 27	28	19





# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>31</b> 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Secretary in Office	<b>4</b> 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:00am Worship at Spencer 11:00am Worship at Riplinger	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Ephesians Bible Study	<b>9</b> 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy 6:30pm Spencer Council Meeting	<b>10</b> 5:30pm Secretary in Office 6:30pm Cross Training & LIVE Parent & Youth Meeting	<b>11</b> 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy 	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 9:00am Blessings Sunday at Spencer 10:15am JAM & Mom's Connect 11:00am Worship at Riplinger, Communion	<b>15</b> 6:15pm Call Committee Meeting 6:30pm Ephesians Bible Study	<b>16</b> 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Secretary in Office 6:30pm Cross Training & LIVE	<b>18</b> 4:00pm Rising Dance Academy	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
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 Member 1: Jane Meacham - 715-897-6306  
 Member 2: Karla Kilty - 715-223-2021 or 715-255-3621  
 Member 3: Judine Block - 715-383-8025



## SHUT IN ADDRESSES

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 814 W. 14th Street Room 2  
 Marshfield, WI 54449

Marshfield Health Services  
 Jim Schmutzler  
 814 W. 14th Street  
 Marshfield, WI 54449

Lois Block  
 402 Dehne Dr  
 Colby, WI 54421

Pat Miller  
 N9934 Groveside Ave  
 Spencer, WI 54479

Doris Seefeld  
 312 Dehne St  
 Colby, WI 54421

Audrey Helsten  
 106469 Highway 153  
 Spencer, WI 54479

Muriel Oelrich  
 211763 Mystyc Ave  
 Spencer, WI 54479

....LIVE FOR THE  
**PRAISE OF HIS GLORY.**



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# SPENCER COUNCIL MINUTES

St. John's Lutheran Church, Spencer Council Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Attending: Rudy Nieman, Teri Schorer, Penni Cloud, Pam Hardrath, Randi Thompson, Travis Hardrath, Marsha Martens, Nick Tomczik, Todd Brinkman, Jenny Nieman joined meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Call to Order by Rudy Nieman at 6:36 p.m. time.

Opening Devotion: Rudy Nieman – Matthew 7:8, Ecclesiastes 7:8, Numbers 7:8 Have faith; God will provide.

Motion was made by Marsha Martens to approve June 10, 2025 secretary minutes as written, second by Travis Hardrath. Motion approved.

Treasury Report- submitted by Teri Schorer

Call Committee Report Spencer members are Penni Cloud, Glenda Fellenz, Charla Hagen, Kyler Hardrath, Peggy Labrensz and Kris Ovans. Riplinger votes

(ballot nominees are Sharon Hamus, Brenda Newman, and Trish Porter) for their call committee members on July 20, 2025. Our call was officially opened today on the website. Call committee has not met yet; therefore,

a Pastor has not been selected. Call committee will meet. Organize and review resumes. Interview candidates. Call committee will make their recommendation to the congregation.

Raise the Roof Report – Down payment was sent to Kulps.

Sign and cross- Getting close to being repaired and relocated.

Old Business:

“Be the Church Sunday”

☐ June had about 10 people who cleaned headstones. Todd mentions soaking with 3-5% bleach solution prior to cleaning.

☐ August – will cancel per Rudy Nieman.

Teri Schorer mentions having Be the Church on Saturday to preserve Sunday for family days.

Discussed Adopt-A-Highway should be done in spring. Have adult mission group to complete community projects. Maybe have two dates per year for projects.

Penni Cloud mentions not doing it in August and see what projects we come up with to potentially do projects in the fall.

Spencerama- Due to weather, King's Conquest had maybe 30 attendees. Parade had decent weather and St. John's won Entertainment Value based on WOW factor award. Handed out approximately 1500 gifts. St. John's paid \$240 towards King's Conquest.

New Business:

Copyright Licensing

CCLI (covers our contemporary music as long as it's in their database) –Currently pay \$257 per year which

is based on members attending worship. Live Stream/ recording is an additional \$105/year.

OneLicense is used for hymns which is an add'l \$130 per year.

Copyright for prayers.

If messages spoken are original from members, then no copyright license needed.

Pay \$80 a year, to 1517 Media, to use liturgy (for scripture).

Discussion about having credits at the end of the service to include copyrights.

Can decide once we have a pastor, dependent upon their comfort or desire to be on camera,

YouTube, etc. if they want to livestream. If we livestream, we need to look into additional copyrights for prayers, etc.

Camera

Canon professional does have the ability to livestream.

Nick Tomczik found camera that was able to track (follow) the speaker. Travis Hardrath said the version

Nick Tomczik found would not plug into the sound

system. Rudy Nieman states Travis Hardrath will

order the Canon professional recording camera.

Update: After further research, both camera systems would have worked as they have the same inputs and outputs per Nick Tomczik.

Jan Amons request transfer to Marshfield.

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report (Penni Cloud)

☐ Motion was made by Marsha Martens to approve June 10, 2025 secretary minutes as written, second by Travis Hardrath. Motion approved.

Treasurer Report (Teri Schorer)

☐ Income: \$9,570 Expenses: \$4,814.49 Gain: \$4,755.51

Minister of Faith Formation (Jenny Nieman)

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Worship (Randi Thompson)

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Buildings and Grounds (Travis Hardrath)

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Congregational Care (Marsha Martens)

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Beyond our Doors (Nick Tomczik)

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Next Meeting: 6:30 p.m. on August 12, 2025

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Marsha Martens, second by Randi Thompson. Motion Approved.

Lord's Prayer Closing

Respectfully submitted: Penni Cloud



# SPENCER TREASURER'S REPORT

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
410.010	Tithes & Offerings	5,116.27	52,610.03	130,000.00
410.011	Non-tithe Offerings General Fund	1,280.00	5,410.00	
410.050	Riplinger Reimbursements	1,635.46	4,101.14	6,500.00
441.060	Building use	0.00	650.00	2,500.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$8,031.73</b>	<b>\$62,771.17</b>	<b>\$139,000.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
500.000	<i>Wider Mission</i>			
500.010	Tithe	0.00	3,141.21	13,000.00
<i>Total Wider Mission</i>		<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$3,141.21</i>	<i>13,000.00</i>
510.000	<i>Worship</i>			
510.030	Copyrights	0.00	257.00	1,000.00
510.050	Community Worship Services	0.00	0.00	850.00
510.070	Instrument maintenance/service	0.00	0.00	200.00
510.100	Worship Supplies	0.00	175.33	1,000.00
<i>Total Worship</i>		<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$432.33</i>	<i>3,050.00</i>
510.020	Pulpit Supply	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
510.060	Worship - Music/Special Events	0.00	0.00	750.00
520.000	<i>Faith Development</i>			
520.010	Birth to 3	0.00	0.00	300.00
520.020	Children's Ministry (SS, VBS, GIFT, etc)	0.00	(100.00)	1,100.00
520.030	Middle School (Cross Training, Youth, etc)	0.00	166.50	500.00
520.040	High School (discipleship, chaperones, grads)	0.00	344.22	1,000.00
520.050	Adult Faith Formation	19.79	141.59	250.00
520.070	Library Resources	3.32	3.32	100.00
<i>Total Faith Development</i>		<i>\$23.11</i>	<i>\$555.63</i>	<i>3,250.00</i>
530.000	<i>Social Concerns</i>			
530.010	Kitchen License/COME	0.00	622.00	
<i>Total Social Concerns</i>		<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$622.00</i>	
540.000	<i>Fellowship &amp; Care</i>			
540.010	Hospitality & Kitchen Supplies	139.77	382.94	650.00
540.020	Care Resources	0.00	397.34	500.00
540.030	Events	0.00	0.00	300.00
<i>Total Fellowship &amp; Care</i>		<i>\$139.77</i>	<i>\$780.28</i>	<i>1,450.00</i>
560.000	<i>Office</i>			
560.010	Office Supplies (shared)	23.07	454.03	750.00
560.020	Telephone & Internet (shared)	190.28	1,331.92	2,200.00
560.030	Postage (shared)	0.00	385.76	750.00
560.050	Copier Maintenance (shared)	0.00	1,278.24	2,300.00
560.060	Office Subscriptions, Software, Upgrades (shared)	38.76	1,153.56	1,500.00
<i>Total Office</i>		<i>\$252.11</i>	<i>\$4,603.51</i>	<i>7,500.00</i>
570.000	<i>Administration</i>			
570.010	Offering Envelopes	0.00	0.00	0.00
570.020	Vanco Electronic Giving Fees	115.84	732.76	1,200.00
570.040	Insurance & Workman's Compensation	2,156.50	7,229.76	7,500.00
570.050	Mileage Reimbursement (shared)	0.00	0.00	400.00
<i>Total Administration</i>		<i>\$2,272.34</i>	<i>\$7,962.52</i>	<i>9,100.00</i>

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<b>580.000</b>	<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds</b>			
580.020	Electricity	436.41	2,277.47	4,500.00
580.030	Natural Gas	92.71	2,267.59	2,000.00
580.040	Holding Tanks	0.00	0.00	900.00
580.050	Waste Disposal	172.24	1,160.27	1,800.00
580.065	Cleaning	40.04	441.08	700.00
580.070	Repairs & General Maintenance Expenses	342.82	3,343.38	2,000.00
580.080	Snow Removal	0.00	3,120.00	2,500.00
580.090	Lawn Mowing- Church	102.06	306.24	450.00
580.100	Cemetery Assoc Lawn Care	0.00	0.00	500.00
	<i>Total Buildings &amp; Grounds</i>	<i>\$1,186.28</i>	<i>\$12,916.03</i>	<i>15,350.00</i>
<b>590.000</b>	<b>Staff</b>			
590.110	Pastor Compensation	0.00	0.00	26,555.00
590.120	Housing Allowance (Pastor)	0.00	0.00	11,550.00
590.130	Books & Subscriptions (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	100.00
590.140	Continuing Education (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	750.00
590.150	Medical Insurance & Pension (Pastor)	0.00	0.00	4,350.00
590.160	Social Security Allowance (Pastor)	0.00	87.74	3,395.00
590.170	Synod & Official Meetings (Pastor-shared)	0.00	0.00	750.00
590.210	FICA	134.11	975.85	2,600.00
590.230	Organist Payroll	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
590.240	Treasurer Payroll	150.00	1,050.00	1,800.00
590.250	Secretary Payroll (shared)	1,365.00	8,760.50	15,600.00
	<i>Total Staff</i>	<i>\$1,649.11</i>	<i>\$10,874.09</i>	<i>70,050.00</i>
590.280	Minister of Faith Formation Payroll	238.00	2,945.25	7,500.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,760.72</b>	<b>\$44,832.85</b>	<b>\$139,000.00</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$2,271.01</b>	<b>\$17,938.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
<b>301.000</b>	<b>General Fund Balance</b>					
301.100	General Balance	53,174.88	8,031.73	5,760.72	0.00	55,445.89
<b>302.000</b>	<b>Special Funds Balance</b>					
302.001	ARK Balance	672.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	672.87
302.102	Globe Money Balance	478.53	3.00	0.00	0.00	481.53
302.120	Technology Balance	5,050.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,050.54
302.138	Bible Camp Balance	3,728.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,728.87
302.145	Mission Trip Balance	3,902.84	150.00	0.00	0.00	4,052.84
302.155	Kitchen Equipment Balance	306.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	306.00
302.180	COME Balance	484.83	275.00	0.00	0.00	759.83
302.800	Seminary Fund Balance	2,039.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,039.91
302.100	Memorial Gifts Balance	5,751.70	0.00	30.60	0.00	5,721.10
302.105	Building Fund Balance	154,691.62	945.00	0.00	0.00	155,636.62
303.000	Thrivent (Savings Acct) Balance	7,289.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,289.15
304.000	Sabbatical (Forward Fin.) Balance	1,539.43	0.19	0.00	0.00	1,539.62
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$239,111.17</b>	<b>\$9,404.92</b>	<b>\$5,791.32</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$242,724.77</b>